10/530350 JC13 Rec'd PCT/PTO 05 APR 2005

Docket No.: M1885.0052/P052

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Roberto Baruchello et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned Confirmation No.: N/A

Filed: Concurrently Herewith Art Unit: N/A

For: TOUCH PROBE COMPRISING A Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SWITCH WITH CONTACTS PROTECTED

BY INERT GAS

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.